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FELON SENTENCED FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Jasper, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for failing to appear for a sentencing hearing after being convicted of illegally possessing firearms.

Larry E. Boan, 42, of Jasper, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this afternoon to one year and one day in federal prison without parole. The sentence, Graves said, was ordered to be served consecutive to **Boan's** previous sentence of two years and three months in federal prison without parole for being a felon and unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of firearms.

On Jan. 31, 2005, **Boan** pleaded guilty to failing to appear for a sentencing hearing on Sept. 11, 2003, in Springfield. **Boan** was scheduled to be sentenced after he had previously pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm on April 10, 2003.

By pleading guilty to the charge of being a felon and unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm, **Boan** admitted he was in possession of a Winchester .22-caliber rifle and a Remington 25.06-caliber rifle, with ammunition on Dec. 16, 2002.

Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon or unlawful user of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Boan** has a 1992 criminal felony conviction for driving while intoxicated and he admitted that he was an unlawful user of a controlled substance at the time he possessed the firearms.

The firearms were originally found in **Boan's** pickup truck when he was arrested by law enforcement officers for violating an order of protection.

Boan was originally charged with failure to appear in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 12, 2004, in Springfield.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Michael A. Jones. It was investigated by the St. Clair County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the U.S. Marshal's Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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